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MEMORANDUM

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To: All NSLP Sponsors  
All Staff

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Subject: Expansion of FDA Warning on Serious Foodborne E. coli O157:H7 Outbreak with  
*One Death and Multiple Hospitalizations in Several States*

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FDA Statement on Foodborne E. coli O157:H7 Outbreak in Spinach  
Update: Monday, September 18, 2006

Two Recalls – SPRING MIX NOW IMPLICATED

On September 17, 2006, River Ranch, of Salinas, California, announced a recall of packages of Spring Mix containing spinach. River Ranch obtained bulk spring mix containing spinach from Natural Selections. The following brands are involved: Fresh N' Easy Spring Mix and Hy-Vee Spring Mix containing baby spinach, distributed to retailers in Texas, Iowa and New Mexico. Product was packed in 5 oz. bags and 5 oz. plastic trays. Products that do not contain spinach are not part of this recall.

On September 15, 2006, **Natural Selections Foods, LLC**, of San Juan Bautista, California, announced a recall of all of its **products containing spinach** in all brands they pack with **"Best if Used by Dates" of August 17, 2006 through October 1, 2006**. These products include spinach and any salad with spinach in a blend, both retail and food service products. Products that do not contain spinach are not part of this recall.

Natural Selections Foods, LLC brands include: Natural Selections Foods, Pride of San Juan, Earthbound Farm, Bellissima, Dole, Rave Spinach, Emeril, Sysco, O Organic, Fresh Point, River Ranch, Superior, Nature's Basket, Pro-Mark, Compliments, Trader Joe's, Ready Pac, Jansal Valley, Cheney Brothers, Coastline, D'Arrigo Brothers, Green Harvest, Mann, Mills Family Farm, Premium Fresh, Snoboy, The Farmer's Market, Tanimura & Antle, President's Choice, Cross Valley, and Riverside Farms.

To date, 114 cases of illness due to *E. coli* infection have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including 18 cases of Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS), 60 hospitalizations, and one death. Illnesses continue to be reported to CDC. This is considered to be an ongoing investigation.

### **States Affected**

There are now 21 confirmed states: California, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

### **Consumer Advice**

FDA advises consumers not to eat fresh spinach or fresh spinach-containing products until further notice.

If individuals believe they may have experienced symptoms of illness after consuming fresh spinach or fresh spinach-containing products, FDA recommends that they seek medical advice.

### **Symptoms of *E. coli* O157:H7 Illness**

*E. coli* O157:H7 causes diarrhea, often with bloody stools. Although most healthy adults can recover completely within a week, some people can develop a form of kidney failure called HUS. HUS is most likely to occur in young children and the elderly. The condition can lead to serious kidney damage and even death.

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